

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14, 16, 18-21, 23, and 27-30 remain pending in the instant application. Claim 16 is hereby amended. Claims 25, 26, 31-36 are cancelled. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I—claims 1, 3-10, 14, 16, 18-21, 23, and 27-30. Claims 25, 26, and 31-36 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

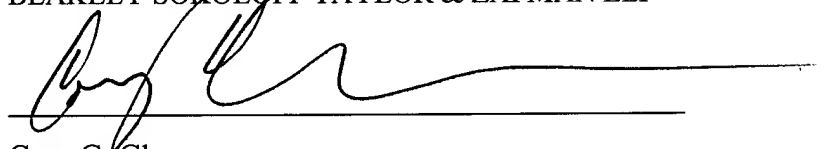
CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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